

SIGN PROTOCOLS

AS TO METHOD OF VENEZUELAN SETTLEMENT.

BLOCKADE IS TO BE RAISED

Representatives of Powers and Umpire Named by Roosevelt Settle All but Preferential Treatment—What the Protocols Provide.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Bowen Friday signed with each of the three protocols providing for the immediate raising of the Venezuelan blockade and for the reference of the question of preferential treatment to The Hague arbitration tribunal.

At 11:30 Herbert Dering, first secretary of the British embassy, announced that the British protocol had just been signed and that the signatures of the Italian and German protocols would follow in the order named.

The British protocol was in English, the Italian in Italian, and the German in German and English.

Mr. Bowen signed in duplicate for Venezuela, Sir Michael Herbert for Great Britain, Signor Major Des Planches for Italy and Baron Von Sternberg for Germany.

Immediately after the signing of the last protocol cables were dispatched to London, Berlin and Rome announcing the fact. It is expected that the commanders of the blockading fleet will receive orders within the next twenty-four hours to withdraw their vessels.

The protocols also provide for the return of all Venezuelan vessels, war and merchant, which have been captured by the allied fleet.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy received advance payments of £5,500 each, Great Britain receiving its payment on the signature and Germany and Italy within thirty and sixty days from date. Germany, in addition, will receive five monthly payments until the amount paid it in advance aggregates \$340,000.

As a guaranty for the satisfaction of their claims, Mr. Bowen pledges the allies a share with the other creditor nations in 30 per cent of the customs receipts of the two ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello. This percentage will be set aside beginning March 1 and retained in the Venezuelan treasury until The Hague tribunal decides whether it will be distributed without preference between the claimant nations, or whether Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive pre-emptive payments.

Italy gains immediate payment of its first class claims without further adjudication as soon as the joint commission at Caracas has passed on the remainder of its claims.

In round figures the adjudicated Italian claims amount to \$560,000, from which will be subtracted the \$27,500 to be paid sixty days from the signature of the protocol. The Italian ambassador also has secured for his government the insertion of an agreement that Venezuela will insert in its treaty with Italy the favored nation clause possessed by the other nations.

CUBA TO BORROW MILLIONS.

Will Issue Bonds to Pay Soldiers and Aid Insular Agriculture.

HAVANA.—The joint committee of the senate and house has prepared its report on the soldiers' pay bill. It provides for a 5 per cent bond issue of \$35,000,000, \$4,000,000 of which will be expended in the aid of agriculture, and the balance in paying the soldiers.

The loan is guaranteed by stamp acts, and duties on liquors, matches and tobacco, but the committee does not propose to levy the duty on tobacco until ten years hence, when a portion of the principal loan becomes due.

Powers Will Sue Together.

LONDON.—Mr. Bowen's formal acceptance of the British protocol is not believed here to be likely to hasten to any great extent the conclusion of the Venezuelan negotiations. The allies' ambassadors have been strictly enjoined not to sign any of the protocols until all three powers are satisfied with the terms, when the signatures will be simultaneous. When the question of separate treatment of the allies is brought before The Hague court of arbitration the triple alliance will appear as one power, their interests being regarded as identical.

Newspaper Man Suicides.

SEATTLE, Wash.—John W. Pratt, a well known newspaper man and lawyer, committed suicide Monday during a fit of insanity. He killed himself with a shotgun in the bathroom of his house, the charge piercing his heart. Mr. Pratt was 48 years of age, and leaves a widow and four children. He has been mentally unbalanced for a year, but never morbid or violent. He was at one time managing editor of the New York World.

DEMAND FOR CASH.

Germany Wants \$340,000 Before Arbitration.

WASHINGTON.—Germany has ignored its previous engagement, made with Mr. Bowen by Count A. von Quadt-Wykradt-Izzy and insisted on a cash payment of \$340,000, or a lien on the customs receipts of one of the Venezuelan ports until this is paid. This information was conveyed to Mr. Bowen Wednesday by Baron von Sternberg.

Mr. Bowen immediately refused to yield the receipts of any port prior to The Hague decision, but left the matter of a cash payment to the German minister to determine.

"If Germany can afford to confess that it does not stand by agreements signed by its duly accredited diplomats," replied Mr. Bowen, "I am willing to guarantee payment on the day the protocol is signed of the total amount asked in the original ultimatum."

That response has been cabled to the German foreign office.

Great Britain and Italy have renounced any responsibility for the action of Germany and have informed Mr. Bowen that they will stand by all agreements made with him and will not be influenced by the action of Germany.

With the exception of the demand for an increased cash payment the German protocol, in all essential respects, conforms to that of Great Britain, but is more concise. All three protocols provide for the immediate return of all vessels seized by the blockading ships.

It is stated that the action of Germany in asking for \$340,000 instead of contenting itself with £5,500, is due to a misunderstanding of certain steps in the negotiation which had been passed on by Count von Quadt before the arrival of Baron von Sternberg.

In the original ultimatum addressed to Venezuela by the three governments 15,300 bolivars was demanded by Great Britain and Germany and 2,500,000 bolivars by Italy.

A paper was signed at the British embassy by the three representatives of the allies, the British and Italian ambassador and the German chargé, Count Quadt, and by Mr. Bowen, by which the allied powers agreed to accept a cash payment, or an adequate guarantee for the eventual satisfaction of their claims, as a condition precedent to the raising of the blockade.

Mr. Bowen offered 30 per cent of the customs receipts of Puerto Cabello and La Guayra as a guaranty for the payment "of all claims." Later he consented to give the British government £5,500 cash in view of their contention that they desired immediate satisfaction for outrages committed on British subjects. No objection was made at the time by the Italian ambassador or the German chargé.

The three powers accepted the guaranty offered as entirely satisfactory.

MOUNTED MEN ROB A TRAIN.

Burlington Express Held Up Soon After Midnight Near Butte.

BUTTE, Mont.—The Burlington express, No. 6, eastbound, was held up shortly after midnight on the Northern Pacific tracks, eight miles east of here, near Homestead, by five mounted men.

They covered the sides of the train with their guns, uncoupled the engine, mail and express cars, and ran them ahead of the train about two miles.

The trainmen of the passenger train, after the robbers had left with the engine and cars, hastened back toward Butte and met an incoming freight train, the engine of which was uncoupled and run to Butte and the alarm given. A sheriff and posse and force of police have left for the scene on a special train. The railway officials have asked the penitentiary officials for their bloodhounds.

MELVILLE ABOUT TO RESIGN.

Naval Engineer-in-Chief is to be Succeeded by Captain Rae.

WASHINGTON.—Rear Admiral George W. Melville will relinquish his post as engineer-in-chief of the United States navy within the next few weeks and will be succeeded by Captain Charles W. Rae, now on duty as a member of the examining board in this city.

It had been expected that Rear Admiral Melville would remain in his present position until August, at least, and his friends anticipated that he would not withdraw from active service before January, 1904, when the term of office for which he was appointed will expire.

UNION PACIFIC LOSES CASH.

Court Decides that \$800,000 Must Go to Government.

BOSTON, Mass.—In the United States circuit court Thursday Judge Colt decided that the entire fund in dispute between the federal government and the Emergency Loan & Trust company should go to the United States. The amount is \$800,000, now in the hands of the American Loan & Trust company of Boston.

BALKAN OUTLOOK

GROWS MORE SERIOUS WITH EACH PASSING DAY.

TURKEY CALLS BATTALIONS

Porte Increases Men in the Disturbed District by Many Thousands—Austria Stops Soldiers' Leave and Gets Transports Ready.

LONDON.—A special from Rome says: Italy has fully consulted in the court of the Lamedorff-Goluchowski conference on Macedonia and promised to support the proposed action. The scheme for reforms includes a demand for the assembling of an international congress to adjust the details. This will be supported by a demonstration of European war ships off Salonica, where they will remain while the congress is in session.

Orders have been given to the Austrian Lloyds at Trieste to be prepared, at short notice, to furnish sufficient transports to convey a large army to Dalmatia. Leaves of absence have been canceled, the reserves have been warned and the railroads notified to be ready to deal with large bodies of men and supplies.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Fourteen battalions of redifs (emergency militia) of the Third army corps, whose headquarters are at Salonica, have been ordered to join the colors.

According to official statements these troops are intended to replace the reserve battalions called out to quell the Macedonian outbreak last autumn.

The latter are still under arms and it is generally believed that they will be kept with the colors.

General Ricciotti Garibaldi, one of the sons of the great patriot, who raised a force of Italian volunteers for Greece during the Greco-Turkish war, is organizing a volunteer expedition to assist the Macedonians in the rising against Turkish rule, which is believed to be impending.

ST. PETERSBURG.—M. Bakmetiev, the Russian diplomatic agent at Sofia, Bulgaria, who came here to see the czar and the foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, is said to have described the situation in Macedonia as leaving little hope of a pacific solution.

The government, therefore, is more desirous of localizing the outbreak than of securing the success of the Austro-Hungarian scheme of reform. In pursuance of this object Russia has advised Bulgaria to declare a state of siege in the agitated districts.

VALUABLE MAIL PACKAGE LOST.

Letters Containing \$50,000 in Commercial Paper Missing.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—A package of letters containing upwards of \$50,000 in commercial paper was lost by the postal authorities from a pouch on the Pennsylvania train leaving Louisville at midnight January 31 and running to Chicago via Indianapolis.

The postal authorities have failed to produce the missing package. The loss was first made known by complaints coming to the Indianapolis postoffice from towns along the line. Twenty-one complaints have been made and nearly all speak of letters lost with commercial paper in them. The theory at present at the post-office is that the package was left in a pouch through the carelessness of an employee after it was thought to have been emptied. No suspicion rests on any one of wrong doing, and no attempt has been made to cash any of the missing checks.

SHIRKS HIS PERSONAL TAX.

John D. Rockefeller Pleads Poverty to Commissioners.

NEW YORK.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is supposed to be about the richest young man in America, but he owes \$400,000 and has only \$30,000 worth of personal property, according to the statement filed with the department of taxes and assessments.

Mr. Rockefeller was assessed at \$500,000. From what could be learned at the tax office he called there and stated that he had \$400,000 in debts and that his personal property above his debts was worth only \$30,000.

He said he was willing to pay taxes on an assessment of \$50,000 and the commissioners accepted his figures.

Defeat the Suffrage Bill.

TOPEKA, Kan.—The Kansas legislature Wednesday, contrary to expectation, finally ended the aspirations of the women of Kansas to vote for presidential electors. The vote in the house on the equal suffrage proposition was 51 for and 62 against. Tuesday it was announced that enough votes had been pledged to secure the passage of the resolution.

BAD BACKS.

Bad backs are found in every household.

A bad back is a back that's lame, weak or aching. Most backache pains come from kidney derangements and should be promptly attended to.

Reach the cause of backache by relieving the kidneys and curing their illness. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only and cure the dangers of urinary and bladder disorders, from common inflammation, to Dropsy, Diabetes, Bright's disease. Case No. 40,321—Mr. W. H. Hammer, well-known builder, residing at 125 N. Hinde street, Washington C. H., Ohio, says: "I am glad to endorse a remedy which possesses such inestimable value as Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me of inflammation of the bladder which had caused me much annoyance and anxiety because of the frequency and severity of the attacks. I have advised others to take Doan's Kidney Pills and I know they will not be disappointed in the results."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Hammer will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

The Gospel of Art.

Work thou for pleasure, paint, or sing, or carve. The thing thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses oft the goal; Who works for money, cools his very soul.

Work for work's sake, then, and it may be That these things shall be added unto thee. —Kenyon Cox.

DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW?

If so, use Red Cross Ball Blue. It will make them white as snow. 2 oz. package 5 cents.

Many of the people who live in glass houses go into politics and they don't seem to mind it a bit.—Puck.

DEFIANCE STARCH.

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

A woman doesn't fully understand how essentially alike all men are until her boy gets old enough for other women to make a monkey of.—Puck.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

Tell a man he mustn't, and he will tell a woman she mustn't, and you'll see.—Life.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for same money.

Justice only takes a man's part, but injustice takes it all.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, relieves pain, cures wind colic. 25¢ a bottle.

Love may laugh at bolts, but politicians do not.

An Amusing Verdict.

At Fort Scott (Kan.) the other day a jury in the district court returned a verdict finding a certain accused person guilty of larceny. The verdict had not been prepared in the technical form desired, and the judge sent the jury back to make the necessary corrections. The jury was gone for half an hour, and when it returned it brought in a verdict acquitting the prisoner. But a verdict even more amazing was perpetrated by a jury at Pittsburg last Monday. The case was a criminal one, and after a few minutes' consultation the jury fled into the box from its room. "Have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the judge. "We have," responded the foreman, passing it over. "The clerk will read," said the judge. And the clerk read: "We, the jury, agree to disagree."

Excavation Near Pompeii.

Excavation will shortly be commenced in a marsh near Sannazzaro, on the River Sarno, in the vicinity of Pompeii, because it has been ascertained that a very ancient city and necropolis were buried underneath during the eruption of Vesuvius several centuries before the destruction of Pompeii. A collection already exists in the museum at Naples of great historic value, consisting of indigenous vases and ornamental objects dating from the eighth and ninth centuries before Christ. The excavations are expected to lead to other important discoveries.

A Bright Dog.

"Speaking about dogs," said Representative Beldler of Ohio, "I suppose I have the most intelligent fox terrier in the country, and he's only a puppy yet. The other day he spilled his milk and I cuffed his ears and cracked him out of the window. The next day, after he had spilled his milk again, I cuffed his own ears and went and jumped out of the window."

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Drs. Richards & Van Camp of 1404 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb., treat Cancer and guarantee a cure. They are the only ones in Omaha who guarantee a cure. Their treatment includes a lung tea, inhaler, local and constitutional treatment, and they guarantee a cure any case arising. Call the office, or mail address, or write for full information. If you are afflicted or interested call or write for further information.

Engaged people put on magnifying glasses when they look at each other's virtues. The day they are married they take them off.

A mother not spoken well of by her children is an enemy of the state; she should not live within the kingdom's wall.

An Ideal Woman's Medicine.



So says Mrs. Josie Irwin, of 325 So. College St., Nashville, Tenn., of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Never in the history of medicine has the demand for one particular remedy for female diseases equalled that attained by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never during the lifetime of this wonderful medicine has the demand for it been so great as it is to-day.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and throughout the length and breadth of this great continent come the glad tidings of woman's sufferings relieved by it, and thousands upon thousands of letters are pouring in from grateful women saying that it will and positively does cure the worst forms of female complaints.

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